

Debut goal for 'Quil' Peasgood

Wycombe Wanderers 1, Carnegie College 1

A DEBUT goal for Quil Peasgood; an evening's introductory run-out for the new, for the out-of-form, and for back-from-injury Dave Thomas . . . but otherwise Tuesday night's 'friendly' with Leeds tourists, Carnegie College, hardly compensated for the loss of a Loakes Park League visit from Hitchin Town.

Instead, Vin Burgess's men were falling by the only goal at St. Albans City, while a highly experimental permutation of Wanderers drew a surprisingly good crowd.

They also drew a disappointingly sombre game, which did nonetheless have undertones to suggest that, to those who looked closely, there was much to admire about Carnegie's football.

POSSESSION

Had Wycombe once allowed the College, extra possession, they would have found life difficult to say the least. For, despite going long spells without a sniff of the ball, Carnegie managed to convince that they are both faster, and more direct than some of Wycombe's Isthmian League opponents.

It was easy to fathom how Geoff Anthony, prominent in Carnegie's Amateur Cup run last season, and now firmly established as Wanderers' number 11, had fitted in to this approach.

Wycombe manager Brian Lee tried out, with little effect, in addition to Peasgood, Mick Poke at outside right, and little but lively Alan Gane in the number six shirt.

Peasgood, on a generally quiet night, proved hard to dispossess and might eventually rate somewhere near to a regular berth at centre forward.

"Keith Stephenson, remembered for some eager full-back displays late last season, was "programmed" but never actually appeared.

Lou Temel, however, returned, after a short absence, as number two, while Vin Faulkner was tried

out alongside John Delaney in the centre of defence.

But it was not the time to prove anything concrete.

Playing in mid-field and tending toward the front line, Thomas, frankly, looked well out of touch. Viv Busby, however, showed some of his more magical touches inside the opening 45 minutes, then faded after the interval.

After 25 minutes he almost headed Wanderers in front from a Peasgood cross. But Peasgood himself did the honours 10 minutes later when a Carnegie back allowed a pass from Poke to run free across the goalmouth.

Wycombe brought on Ken Ward for Delaney for part two, while Ketchley, the College's substitute, took the field for the final 15 minutes.

Carnegie equalised in the 60th minute when Brown headed in a corner off the right.

Beadle cleared a 65th minute Busby shot off the line. But despite the efforts of Carnegie's number three, Cairns and Brown — the two most dangerous visitors, the quick action of goalkeeper Hector Wells (once on Wanderers books; himself) in preventing Anthony a chance to score; and Busby heading onto the bar in the dying seconds, the score held.

Wycombe — Maskell; Temel, Gale; Delaney (sub. Ward), Faulkner, Gane; Poke, Thomas, Peasgood, Busby, Anthony.

Carnegie — Wells; Beadle, Cairns; Day, Brown, Owen; Orrett, Williams, Richmond, Lapage, Hardcastle. Sub.: Ketchley.